

Grand Jurors Not Likely to Hear Mrs. Hall

Officials Puzzled by Her
Demand to Testify: Say
No One Will Be Given
Whitewash Before Trial

Mills to Duplicate Offer

Waive Immunity to
Help Solve Murder of
His Wife and Minister

By Boyden Sparkes

BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 5.—The officials who were frankly puzzled by the announcement from the home of the Frances Stevens Hall that the widow of the murdered rector of the church of St. John the Evangelist would ask for a hearing before the Somerset County Grand Jury said today that such a request, probably would be denied.

Not to be outdone in dramatics by this wealthy, austere woman who is playing opposite him in this melodrama of small town life, James Hall, the church sexton whose wife was killed with Dr. Hall, said today that he, too, was going to ask for a chance to waive immunity and go before the grand jury.

A faded, shrunken, shapeless, cloth hat seems almost a part of Mills and is responsible for the impression he makes. Tugging this threadbare hat lower over his shallow blue eyes to shade them from the glare of sunlight streaming through his kitchen window, the bony man sketched faces for the amusement of his twelve-year-old son, who, while he discussed in passionless tones the murder of his wife, the formidable of the rector's widow, the freakishness of human nature and—Lloyd George, his hero.

Recalls Rector's Praise

"You know the last time I saw Rector Hall," said Mills, "was about 6 o'clock that night. I'd been a-cleaning around in the church and he came along and saw what I was a-doing. That's a good thing, Jimmy," he said. Then he asked about some paint that should of been delivered and hadn't been. Then he left the church and started home. That was about ten minutes after 6, up that's the last I ever saw of him." Mills rustled through a pile of Sunday newspapers and commented: "Well, they'll call us all for the grand jury this week. I'll go. I ain't got nothing to hide and I'll tell em all I know. They got an alibi for me—several persons saw me sitting on the stoop that night."

Then he reverted to Mrs. Hall. He always does. "She was as calm as you are that day the bodies were found, and there I was in such bad shape I had to sit down before I could speak. I don't say anything about any one, but it's funny to me she never offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of whoever did it. She has spent enough money hiring two lawyers and detectives for herself, but she wouldn't spend any to put up a reward. You can bet your sweet life if I'd had any money I'd offer a reward, for I want to see this thing cleared up."

Dan Is His Pal

Little Dan, an undernourished lad, and his father are pals, but Charlotte

—well, Mills simply finds it beyond him to deal effectively with women. He'll tell any one who calls what he thinks of his daughter, but he seems powerless to cope with her.

"Look at them fools," he snorted with indignation. A procession of automobiles was passing his house at a speed regulated to give the occupants of the cars a chance to look up at his front windows.

"What the devil can they see in this weather-beaten old house? Yesterday when I was taking leaves from the church lawn about a dozen of 'em pestered me with fool questions and wanted to know could they look through the church. What ails people like that? I ain't got the right to take 'em through the church."

It was getting dark. Mills lowered the forelegs of his chair to the floor and started for the church. There, in addition to tugging down the heating plant and tossing more coal on the fire, he is expected to restore a condition of neatness to the choir loft, where just eight weeks ago to-night his wife sang his last hymn, stressing certain phrases that she thought might carry a special meaning to the sunlit figure seated inside the chancel rail, the rector who was her lover.

Suspicious of Her Offer

None of the officials would say today just what witnesses are to be called to testify before the grand jury. It is doubtful whether Mills will be called, in spite of his expressed willingness to go. There is hardly a chance that Mrs. Hall's offer to waive immunity in exchange for the right to testify will be accepted. The officials seem suspicious of her offer without knowing why they are suspicious. One of them said:

"Mrs. Hall's request, or demand, if she cares to phrase it that way, is a matter to be considered at a conference of all the officials who are charged with responsibility. Neither Mrs. Hall nor anyone else can force a way into the grand jury room. That body does not have to consider such a demand. It may choose to hear her or it may ignore her utterly as a witness."

"Any person may request an opportunity to testify in a grand jury inquiry, but the prosecutor or the grand jury may decide that it is best not to receive that person's testimony. The grand jury is not a whitewashing body. It is organized to establish innocence. Its function is to receive evidence that will lead to an indictment or will not lead to an indictment. The place for a defendant to establish his innocence is at a trial, not before the grand jury."

"If a suspect is permitted to testify before the grand jury that person is warned that his testimony may be used against him. He is required, either orally or in writing, to waive immunity."

"Mrs. Hall's purpose in demanding a hearing, probably resulting from the insinuations of the last several weeks, will fail if it is decided that the grand jury does not wish to hear her testimony. On the other hand she may be welcomed as a witness."

James Mason, chief investigator for Special Deputy Attorney General Mott, is coming to New Brunswick to-morrow to question some of the witnesses whose testimony has been carefully studied by Mr. Mott. Among those it is believed he will examine are Mrs. Addison Clarke, who was frequently a companion of Mrs. Mills and who called on Mrs. Hall on the day of the murder; Willie Stevens, the mentally subnormal brother of the rector's widow; members of the vestry of the church of St. John the Evangelist, Barbara Tough and Louise Geist, servants in the Hall home, and a few others. Mr. Mason is expected to be occupied with these witnesses until Wednesday night, and on Thursday Mr. Mott probably will confer with the foreman of the grand jury on the time that body is to be convened.

The foreman, Alfred B. Gibbs, of Bernardsville, Somerset County, said today that he did not know when the grand jury would meet.

"Are you going to grant Mrs. Hall's request for permission to testify before the grand jury?" he was asked.

"I haven't seen or heard anything of such a request," he said. "And any-

way I do not want to express an opinion yet."

Two state troopers were remaining on guard at the farm of Mrs. Jane Bibb (or Jane Easton) to-day and they were kept busy shooting away motorists who were perfectly willing to face the woman farmer's shotgun if they could just get a glimpse of her.

At the Phillips Farm, two miles away, two policemen served as traffic control officers in handling the streams of automobiles that came from all points of the compass. A local photographer made \$88 selling pictures of the crabapple tree, beneath which the bodies were found, at 50 a picture. He would have made more if he had not exhausted his supply of pictures.

6 Dead in Drumright
Tornado, 125 Homeless

30 Injured in Oklahoma Oil
Field, and Property Loss
Exceeds \$500,000

DRUMRIGHT, Okla., Nov. 5.—Six persons were killed and more than thirty injured, seven seriously, 125 persons were made homeless and more than \$500,000 worth of property was destroyed in the tornado which struck the oil field southwest of here Saturday evening it was learned definitely today.

In addition to property damage, oil men estimated that loss of production would total \$500,000. Included in the property loss were 123 oil rigs, thirty-one houses, a half dozen power plants and numerous other smaller buildings.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jennings, Cleo Jennings, twelve years old; Wilfred Dobson, fifteen; West Walton, rancher, and Fred Fugate, seventeen. The storm struck three miles northeast of Shamrock and swept a patch 300 yards wide, in a northeasterly direction to within two miles of Drumright.

Seize 6 Auto Loads of Rum

2 Jailed as Dry Agents Halt a
Fleet of Contraband

MALONE, N. Y., Nov. 5.—One of the largest captures of contraband whiskey ever made in this section resulted today when six automobiles, driven in mass formation and carrying government agents declared, 3,000 quarts of beer, whiskey and champagne, were seized by Federal prohibition officers.

A man and a woman, giving their names as Clifford and Mildred Ackerman, of Glens Falls, in charge of the pilot car, were arrested by the officers. Occupants of the other cars made a successful getaway.

Polar Bear at Zoo Snaps Off
Boy's Finger Holding Peanuts

Thirteen-year-old Benjamin Biner, of 300 Delancey Street, got too friendly with the polar bear in Central Park Zoo yesterday afternoon, and as a result is in Bellevue Hospital with the index finger of his right hand amputated at the knuckle. By a stretch of his body, which the police are still unable to explain, he leaned far enough over the guard rail around the bear cage to get his whole hand inside the bars.

The peanuts and popcorn which he was holding out were too tempting for the Arctic specimen inside to care how much flesh he tore off in his hurry to get the treat the boy was offering.

One Killed, 2 Hurt When
Auto Hits Pole at Curve

HORNELL, N. Y., Nov. 5.—William O'Brien, twenty-three years old, of this city, was killed instantly and two companions injured slightly when an automobile in which they were riding shortly after noon to-day hit a telephone pole in the Lakeville-East Avon road in attempting to make a fairly curve at what was said to be a fairly rapid rate of speed. A fourth occupant of the car escaped injury. The machine struck the pole with terrific force and O'Brien was thrown to the pavement and his skull was crushed.

Find Way to Use All Vitamins in Making Bread

Complete Nutritive Value of
Wheat Berry Retained
by Discovery of Ward
Company's Chemists

May Solve Food Problem

World-Wide Questions of
Malnutrition Regarded
as Vitally Affected

A discovery heralded as one of the greatest steps in the production of food and particularly in the baking of bread, was announced yesterday by George S. Ward, president of the Ward Baking Company.

Research chemists employed by the firm, co-operating with leading university food scientists, have, according to the announcement, succeeded in perfecting a method for the extraction of vitamins and mineral salts from the germ of the wheat berry and wheat bran, and also have met with success in baking loaves of white bread "which retain the complete nutritive value of these substances."

For a considerable time, ever since Hopkins, the British chemist, announced the discovery of vitamins, scientists the world over have undertaken experiments to develop practical methods for utilizing vitamins in balanced proportions in staple foods, but it remained for the Ward laboratories, at

an expenditure of nearly \$2,000,000, to discover and perfect these.

That the Ward experiments have proved successful, according to the announcement, attested by food experts from Johns Hopkins, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Penn State universities, and the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research. The discovery is expected not only to revolutionize the baking industry, but also to solve world-wide problems of malnutrition.

The announcement, in part, reads as follows:

"It is generally believed that the achievement of these distinguished American scientists and the Ward company will do much to solve many of the great world problems of malnutrition, presented not only by the thousands of underfed in the United States but by the millions of half-starved men, women and children in the stricken countries of Europe."

"Scientific application of this new knowledge to the improvement of bread cannot fail to lead to a steady betterment of the health of mankind in general by reducing the dangers of plague among under-nourished peoples and by relieving the prevalence of rickets and bone diseases which come from insufficient nutrition due to a lack of the proper vitamins in the daily diet."

"The representatives of the great universities concerned, already doing pioneer research work in the food value of mineral salts and proteins, organized a thorough plan of investigation of the Ward laboratory experiment. Thousands of pigeons, rats, mice and guinea pigs were fed, observed and weighed during the tests of comparative nutritive strength between the bread containing the extracted vitamins, perfected proteins and mineral nutrients and ordinary white bread—both commercial and home-made. The animals fed on the vitamin bread and water thrived, attained their full growth and maturity, and bred even to the fourth and fifth generation. Those animals fed solely on ordinary white bread and water

died from lack of the essential elements. The tests completely established the truth of the Ward discovery."

"The results in the various laboratories conformed with the results of the Ward experiments, and confirmed the ability of the baking company's expert bakers and scientists not only to retain the effectiveness of the vitamins A, B and C in the form of bread of unequal nutritive value, but also to extract these essential vitamins from the wheat bran and middlings and the germ of the wheat. These are parts of the wheat berry which have heretofore been discarded from white flour as useless by the milling companies and turned aside for animal feeding. This new use will probably effect a saving of some millions of dollars annually to the milling industry."

"The successful results have justified the efforts made, as the benefits of the discovery will unquestionably soon be felt upon our national health and vigor."

Small Soviet Republics
Under Rapallo Treaty

Provisions Extended to In-
clude All States Allied With
Russian Government

BERLIN, Nov. 5 (By The Associated Press).—The extension of the Treaty of Rapallo to include the minor Soviet republics is provided for in a sub-treaty ratified between M. Kreistinsky, Soviet Ambassador to Germany, M. Aussen, representing the Ukraine, and Baron von Maltzan, chief of the Near East division of the German Foreign Office.

The treaty, which is in two sections, stipulates that the provisions of the Rapallo treaty are to be applied to the states allied with Soviet Russia—White Russia, Ukraine, the three Caucasus republics and the Far Eastern republic.

Are there?

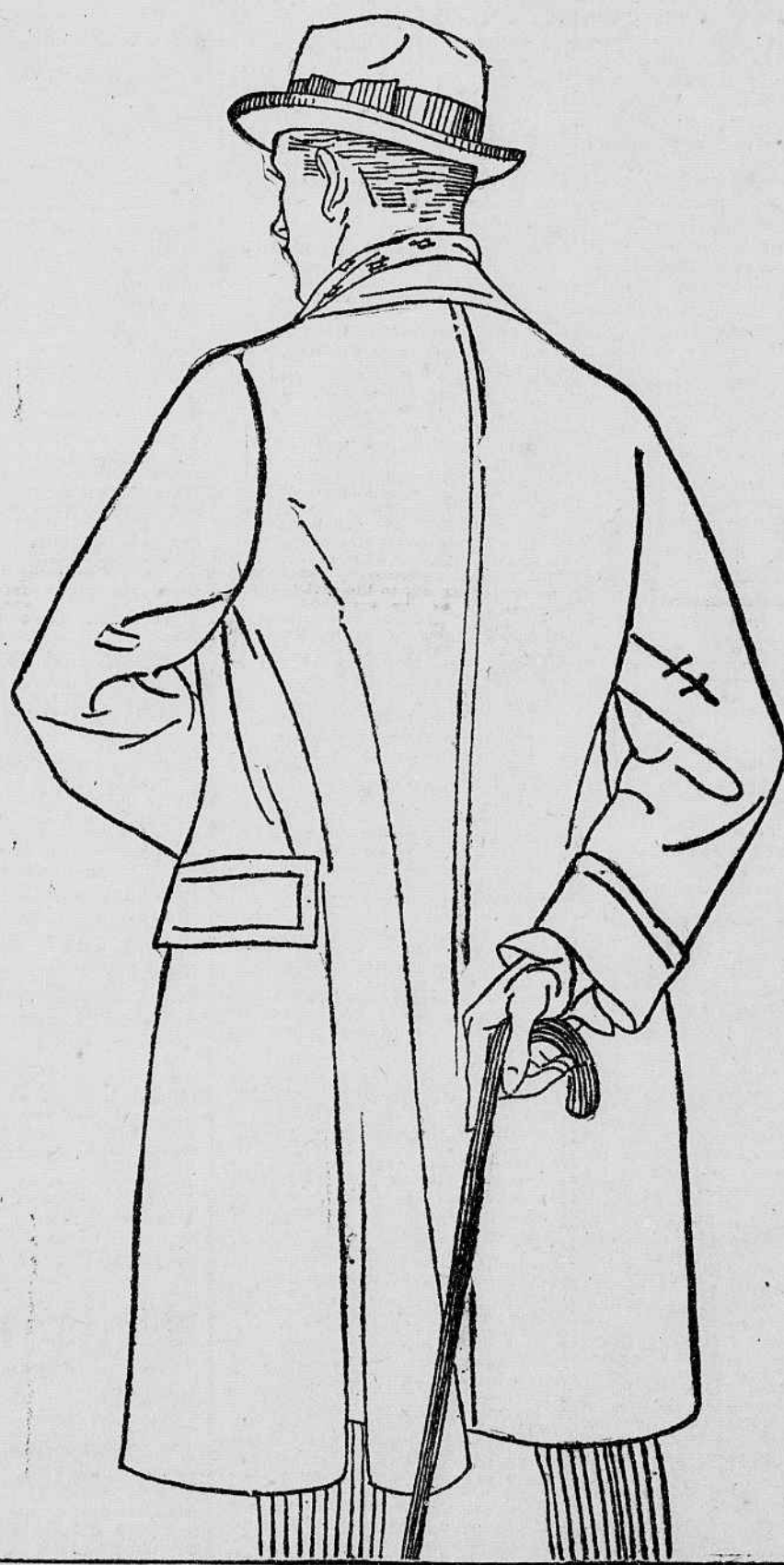
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